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NSA FORM N2288 REV AUG 63
(Supersedes N2288 REV JUN 61
to be used until exhausted)

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

ACTION PRECEDENCE

FLASH

INFO PRECEDENCE

IMMEDIATE

SPECIAL HANDLING

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FROM: DIRNSA

DATE: 02 AUGUST 1964

TO: USN-27
USM-626J
USA-57
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USM-9

INFO: HQ NSAPAC
NSAPAC REP VIETNAM (C)

NSAPAC REP PHIL

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DISTRIBUTION

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B205/244-64

SUBJ: DRV NAVAL ATTACK ON DESOTO PATROL

FURTHER MY B205/243. USS MADDOX REPORTED AT APPROX 020838Z THAT ONE
DRV PT BOAT WAS DEAD IN THE WATER AND BURNING AND THAT OTHER TWO
PT BOATS WERE HEADED FOR THE BEACH. BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT SEARCH
AND RESCUE OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED BY DRV VESSELS THUS
INCREASING LIKLIHOOD OF REFLECTIONS AND FURTHER ACTIVITY. DESOTO
ARRIVED VICINITY 19-47N 106-08E AT APPROX 020300Z WHERE IT WAS TO
ORBIT FOR EIGHT HOURS. MADE DEVIATION FROM TRACK TO AVOID PASSING
THRU LARGE CONCENTRATION OF JUNKS THERE BUT ATTACK ON DESOTO
(ROUGHLY FIVE HOURS LATER (0807Z)) PROBABLY IN VICINITY OF ABOVE
COORDINATES. BURNING PT BOAT PRESUMABLY SAME GENERAL AREA

DRAFTER

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